



AT GROUNDBREAKING . . . Torrance and Goodwill officials preside at official groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Goodwill Industries outlet at 22755 Western Avenue. From left are Arthur Reeves, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. E. J. Wightman, treasurer of the Wightman Memorial Goodwill Industries in Long Beach and widow of its founder; Orland Ford, vice president of the Wightman Memorial board, and Paul Duckworth, who will build the new facilities.

### Jazz Program Set at ECC

"An Evening of Jazz" will be presented by the El Camino College jazz band, "The Esquires," and "Trombones Ltd." Nov. 13 in the campus theater at 8:30 p.m. The program will include a concert, lecture and jazz demonstration.

Featured arrangements will include "Summertime," "The Black Rose," "When Sunny Gets Blue," and "Everything I've Got" by Bill Fritz.

### Attend Meeting

Three personnel consultants for the Torrance schools will attend the California Educational Placement Association meeting in Los Angeles Dec. 2 and 3.

Roland K. Petrat, Lloyd A. Reist, and James G. Sibert received authorization for the meeting trip from school trustees this week.

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### Law in Action

The teacher is responsible for the physical injuries to the child brought about by his negligence. Because the teacher's duties are so great, the Legislature recently took steps to protect his liability.

Under the new law a teacher can call upon the school district to defend him against financial loss in a law suit. If the teacher is negligent during his employment, he may ask the school district to pick up the bill for any loss to his students if he demands this help from the school district within 10 days of the trial.

At one time school districts and public employees were seldom liable for negligent acts. But today public employees, including teachers, are liable like everybody else.

CHILDREN MAY do unexpected things. The teacher has a duty to anticipate a pupil's rash conduct which is quite extensive in and out of the classroom, on the playground, at home, and on school-connected trips.

The teacher's legal duty is to act with care commensurate with the immaturity of his charges and the importance of the trust.

The teacher has been held liable for not preventing injuries to his pupils fighting in the class, for playing in the class, for playing dangerous games like "blackout," and for breaking the rules against riding bikes on the playground.

Several cases involve students who do not realize the danger of school equipment, of chemicals, of toys he makes at school but takes home to use. The teacher should warn his students.

responsible for students hurt in the classroom. In one case a chemistry teacher in demonstrating an experiment, caused an explosion. From the fact that there was an explosion, the court held, one could infer that the teacher was at fault.

The teacher's responsibilities end when he has acted with reasonable care. He need not insure his pupils' complete safety. The child must use some care too. Nor must the teacher foresee very unusual conduct, or discover at once every danger or infraction of rules. It is for the court or jury to say whether the teacher acted "reasonably."

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know more about our laws.

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### John Haig Writes

## Traffic Frightens Him On First Day in Japan

(The following letter was received this week from John Haig, a Torrance High student spending his senior year in Japan. John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haig of 3226 Onrado St., will write to the people of Torrance about his experiences in Japan from time to time during the year. He will return in June to graduate with his classmates at Torrance High.)

Yokohama, Japan Oct. 26, 1964

Dear Torrance: It was a foggy morning when I arrived in Japan. My first sight was the green, jutting peninsula of Chiba prefecture. Entering Tokyo Bay, I could see fleets of small, old-style fishing boats. Our ship weaved in and out of a few islands and suddenly I could see my objective—Yokohama.

The pilot boat came along side and transferred some

immigration officers and our pilot. Immigration procedures were quickly completed and I hurried up to the deck to watch as we docked. The harbor itself was alive with tug boats, small private boats, and ships from all over the world.

As I left the ship, I could see my sponsor, my father for the next nine months. Until this moment, the time which I set my feet on the ground and greeted my new father, I had not really believed that I would make it.

WE RECOVERED my bags from customs and took a taxi (extremely inexpensive, three miles for 45 cents) to my new house in northern Yokohama. I was slightly disappointed when everything seemed at first glance to be the same as Los Angeles Harbor, but I quickly recovered as the taxi driver scared me out of my wits.

Here in Japan, the traffic

travels on the left, or so the law says. It seemed that we just followed down the centerline. A large truck was stopped for repairs at the foot of a hill, blocking one lane of a two-lane road. Our driver paid no attention to the truck and just zipped along on the right side. We popped back into the left lane just in time to avoid being smashed by a bus coming down the hill. I was so shaken that I forgot my disappointment. And, having ridden both taxis and buses since, I've found that this is the normal way to drive!

MY NEW home is on top of a small hill surrounded by other houses and small produce fields. Japan is only the size of California, but has a population of 92 million people. Therefore, the lots are small and close together. There are many small produce fields which are only about 50 feet on a side. Houses are on lots of about the same size.

## Parkway Students Watch Television for Lessons

Students at Parkway School no longer have to wait until they get home from school to turn the knob on the television set. They do it in class.

With the opening of an educational television channel in Los Angeles this fall, Parkway students have joined youngsters in 86 school districts throughout the Southland in supplementing their studies with televised instruction.

Not only do their parents approve of it; they're responsible for their children's school-time viewing. The school's two TV sets were a PTA donation, raised by contributions of Blue Chip stamp books.

TYPICAL television fare fed to Parkway students is the favorite program of the fifth-grade set, the exploration of the United States. Following closely to the state textbook, the weekly film has depicted expeditions of the Spanish and English explorers and the beginnings of colonization.

Besides serving as a summary of the week's social

studies chapter, the program has added visual aids not possible for the school districts to supply. Items from the County Museum which have been provided via the television screen have included authentic ship models, Spanish armored plate, and a gamut of globes and maps of every description.

OTHER PROGRAMS viewed by Parkway students include fifth-, sixth-, and eighth-grade science (geared to the state curriculum), political science, Spanish, music, art, and literature.

Main advantage of television as a supplement to classroom study, according to Edward Richardson, principal, is the fact that it makes available the most current educational films produced. Presentations include follow-up activities based on the televised material, Richardson said.

Hypocrisy is the necessary burden of villainy.—Samuel Johnson.

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